

Moran Statement on the Death of Two Kansas Soldiers in Iraq

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran today offered the following statement on the death of U.S. Marine Sergeant Christopher S. Perez of Hutchinson and U.S. Army Sergeant Benjamin Morton of Wright.

Sergeant Perez died Monday from injuries sustained during an indirect fire attack while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in Ramadi, Iraq. Sergeant Perez was assigned to the Headquarters and Service Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, based out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Sergeant Morton was killed Sunday in Mosul, Iraq, when his patrol encountered enemy small arms fire. Morton was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, based in Fort Lewis, Washington.

“My family and I offer our prayers and deepest sympathies to the Perez and Morton families for their losses. A fine Marine, Christopher exemplifies what is best about Kansans: courage, dedication, and sacrifice for the good of others. Benjamin was an outstanding soldier who demonstrated leadership every day. The loss of these two young Kansans serves as a reminder to us all that the war on terror continues, and the sacrifices of our troops and their

families must not be forgotten. I join the citizens of our country, the people of Kansas, and our service members in Iraq, who are indebted to these men for their brave service. May God welcome these heroes with open arms."

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